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Dear Friend:

Please pardon my delay in writing you, but I know you can understand. First of all I wanted the games to be over so I could write you about them. I knew you would want to know what happened. Well first of all it was the first time I ever had a team on percentage so you know what I had to learn. I had planned to give the men their money at the end of the series. I soon learned the ballplayers are not so trusting. I know you have learned the results of the games. The Negroes lost 4 and tied one, with Johnnie Wright pitching. In spite of the scores the games were not as bad as they sound, except for the one played in Newark. We should have wone the first one, four to two. Watkins made three errors all costly. He seemed scared to death. In fact all the colored boys did. There is no question a couple of The Grays would have made the scores very different. We had to use Show Boat on first, and I dont think he had a hit in the series. Wells played second.

One thing the series showed me was how dumb our ballplayers are. The white boys looked so smart, and were constantly doing something to show how smart they were, and our men on the other hand were constantly showing how dumb they were. Austin was caught off of third base. One place in the game, two men were covering first base, and two third with no one on second, so the runner went to second. I think a lot of it was stage fright, but I really got the impression also, that they just did not know what to do half of the time.

The Colored team played them so close the first two games, that they went out and got Tommy Holmes, and Virgil Trucks for reinforcements. Good erroless playing, we would have won the first doubleheader. The men each got \$135.00 the first day, \$68.00 the night in Newark, and \$57.00 the second Sunday. Weather both Sundays was awful. I dont know how we played the first Sunday, it rained so hard before and during the game. Byrd looked worse than anyone on the team. They would not let him use his spiter.

If you hear anything about when we are going to meet please let me know. Abe wants to go south after a visit to his home in Norfolk Christmas. I will write you again as soon as I get a minuet. Lots of things I would like to discuss with you.

Sincerely Yours